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Honorable Jeff Miller, Chairman
House Committee on Veterans Affairs
336 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Mike Michaud, Ranking Member
House Committee on Veterans Affairs
2443 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller and Ranking Member Michaud:

As a former member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, I value the service of the men and women of our military, and I take great pride in advocating for adequate benefits for them after their service. Unfortunately, revelations of delayed care for veterans have been identified as the cause of death for at least three service members at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center (CNVAMC) in Augusta, Georgia.

I write to request that you convene a field hearing of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in Augusta to determine what went wrong at CNVAMC. We must do everything we can to fully address the serious flaws within the system that led to anything less than first-class care for our veterans. I stand ready to assist you in any way that I can to make this field hearing as productive as possible, and I am eager to get to the bottom of this serious issue to ensure no other veterans face the same delays in their care.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Barrow".

John Barrow

cc: Honorable Mike Coffman, Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick, Ranking Member, Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations